Statement

List of Professional bodies whose membership Examinations have been Recognised by Government of India for Recruitment to superior Posts and Services Under the Central Government

S. No.	Name of Address of Professional Body	Examination Recognised
1.	The Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), 8, Gokhale Road, Calcutta -700020.	Sections A & B of the Assoca e Membership Examination.
2	The Secretary, The Aeronautical Society of India, 13-B Indraprastha Estate, New Deihi-1.	Parts II & III of Associate Membership Examination 2, Sections A & B (New Scheme) of Associate Membership Examinations.
3.	The Secretary, Institution of Surveyors (India) Maude Road, Deihi Cantt. 110010.	Final Examination in any of the following branches: a) Land Surveying b) Hydrographics Surveying c) Buildings, Guality and valuation surveying.
4	The Secretary, Institute of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineers, P'ot No. 2, Institutional Area, Lodi Road New Delhi-110003.	Graduateship Examination.
5	The Secretary, Indian Instt. of Metals, 2, Sambunath Pandit Street, Calcutta-700020.	Associate Membership Examination.
6	The Secretary, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Rajasubodh, Mullick Road, P.B. No. 17001, Calcutta-700032.	Associate Membership Examination.
7	The Secretary, Institution of Chemists (India) 11/1 Dr. Biresh Kumar Road, Calcutta-700017.	Associate Diploma Examinations.
8	Institution of Mechnicai Engineers (India), Post Box No. 10146, Bombay.	Associate Membership Examination.
9	The Secretary, National Productivity Council, Productivity House, Lodi Road, New Delhi-170003.	Two years Post-graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering.

Female literacy rate in the States

2831. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States in which the female literacy rate in below average and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the steps taken the Central Government to reduce the drop-out rate of girl students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to 1981 Census (excluding Assam) national average of female literacy for all age-group in India was 24.82 per cent. The following 11 States|U.Ts have literacy rate below national average:

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Reasons for lower literacy rate among women include *inter-alia* social prejudices inhibiting the enrolment in attendance of girls in schools, lack of motivation and awareness among women about the usefulness of literacy and education and high incidence of rural powerty which compel majority of women to join the work force in agricultural and allied activities on low remuneration to supplement the family income.

(b) Central Government has taken some of the following steps to reduce the drop-out rate of girl students in the country:

—Opening of non-formal education centres for girls in educationally backward States|Pockets in each State.

—The scheme in operation since 1979-80 on 50:50 Centre State sharing basis has been revised during 1983-84 under which financial assistance to States|uTs are given on 90:10 Centre-State sharing basis, Similarly Central financial assistance is provided to States|UTs for appointment of women teachers under primary schools. Besides the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested from time to time to make special efforts for increasing the enrolment and ensuring retention through various incentives and benefits to the girl students like free studentship, provision of free text-books, stationery, free dress, scholarships, mid-day meals, etc.

Railway line between Pakala and Katpadi

2832. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to construct a parallel railway line between Pakala and Katpadi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Metre Gauge Rail line between Pakal and Tirupati

2833. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Central Railway submitted detailed survey report for the replacement of metre gauge line between Pakala and Tirupati; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) This work has not been approved.

Telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2834. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone exchanges working at present in the State of Andhra Pradesh District-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise with the names of the places; and

(c) what is the amount earmarked for the new Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 1940 telephone exchanges wor-